(c) if so, the details thereof along with the areas brought under mushroom cultivation on orissa and other states during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (c) Government is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme to increase mushroom cultivation in the country since VIII Plan period. During VIII plan a sum of Rs. 1108.41 lakh was released to various states. The scheme is being continued during IX plan period with an outlay of Rs. 1950 lakh. During 1999-2000 an amount of Rs. 400.00 lakh has been allocated. The major components of the scheme are:

(i) Establishment of pasteurised compost unit

(ii) Establishment of spawn laboratory

(iii) Training unit

(iv) Post harvest and marketing unit

Besides, National Horticulture Board (NHB) under its scheme namely Development of marketing of Horticulture produce through participation in soft loan is financing various projects on commercial cultivation of mushroom. NHB has financed 15 units under this scheme, out of which 1 unit is located in Orissa. Department of Food Processing Industries is also providing assistance for commercial cultivation of mushroom to various units under its scheme Establishment of post harvest infrastructure and cold chain facilities for food processing and integrated projects of mushroom, hops, gherkins and babycorn.

The details of area brought under mushroom cultivation in Orissa and other parts of the country are not available. However, as per the estimates compiled by National Center for Mushroom Research and Training (NCMRT), during 1997-98, the total production of mushroom in the country was 40000 MT of which production in Orissa was 700 MT.

Boosting the performance of ECIL

2330. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleasd to state:

(a) whether the show-room of EC TV and Repair workshop of Electronics Corporation of India Ltd. in Delhi have been wound up;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to ensure that EC TV already sold are not deprived of repairs by the company; and

(d) the measures taken to boost the performance of TV unit of Electronics Corporation of India Ltd (ECIL)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir. The Electronics Corporation of India Ltd.

(b) & (c) (ECIL), a central public sector undertaking, has had to close down the manufacture and sale of its EC TV sets at Delhi and elsewhere on account of continued high losses in this line of its business. Alternative arrangements have been made by ECIL for providing service to its customers.

(d) Does not arise.

Uranium Reserves in Bhilwara

2331. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey in Jahazpur Tehsil, District Bhilwara and found that large quantity of Uranium is available in this area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are planning to give these mines either to private sector or public sector for necessary development; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) to (c) The Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and to Research (AMD), of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), has carried out radiometric surveys for locating Uranium occurrence in parts of Jahazpur Tehsil, Bhilwara District of Rajasthan. In the area investigated only a few sporadic uranium anomalies were noticed at some locations like Kunchalwara Khurd, Mayala Pollya, Baradpura, Sersia, Kuradiya, etc. The nature of mineralisation being sporadic, no further investigations are comtemplated by AMD in any of these areas.

(d) Does not arise in view of the foregoing.

Radiation leakage from Atomic Power Plants

2332. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: